



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts !

Welcome back to Friday Night Facts. As you can well imagine, the need to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina continues as more and more find their way north to Indiana. As a result, our office continues to support these victims and their families. You can help by making sure that any evacuee you encounter has registered with FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA and registers with the State of Indiana at 1-866-679-4631. By registering on both lines, evacuees will receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled as a victim of Hurricane Katrina.

Finally, you can show every hurricane victim Hoosier Hospitality at its best. You can tell them the history of your community, make them aware of recreation and social services in your community, invite them to a community event, or provide them with a list of the places of worship in your community. All of these activities help to make each victim feel more at home. Thanks for what you have done in the past and what you will do in the future to prove that Indiana is a great state to call home.

Hurricane Katrina Victims in Indiana

The Hurricane Katrina Response Line at 1-866-679-4631 has taken many calls over the last few weeks from hurricane victims. As of this morning the number of people who have registered through the phone line or on the website are as follows:

Total Registrants: 3069

Total Families: 2563

Total Evacuees from Alabama: 15

Total Evacuees from Louisiana : 2380

Total Evacuees from Mississippi: 644

Total Evacuees from unknown state: 30

The evacuees have settled all across the state as is demonstrated by the following count of evacuees by count:

Adams County: 5	Allen County: 61	Bartholomew County: 18	Benton County: 0
Blackford County: 6	Boone County: 14	Brown County: 4	Carroll County: 0
Cass County: 4	Clark County: 70	Clay County: 5	Clinton County: 12
Crawford County: 12	Daviess County: 5	De Kalb County: 4	Dearborn County: 21
Decatur County: 0	Delaware County: 27	Dubois County: 6	Elkhart County: 20
Fayette County: 2	Floyd County: 63	Fountain County: 8	Franklin County: 3
Fulton County: 4	Gibson County: 10	Grant County: 17	Greene County: 2
Hamilton County: 162	Hancock County: 17	Harrison County: 13	Hendricks County: 83
Henry County: 6	Howard County: 20	Huntington County: 3	Jackson County: 8
Jasper County: 8	Jay County: 6	Jefferson County: 9	Jennings County: 4
Johnson County: 48	Knox County: 11	Kosciusko County: 14	La Grange County: 0
La Porte County: 26	Lake County: 214	Lawrence County: 11	Madison County: 37
Marion County: 1206	Marshall County: 3	Martin County: 0	Miami County: 11
Monroe County: 72	Montgomery County: 7	Morgan County: 14	Newton County: 2
Noble County: 7	Ohio County: 1	Orange County: 3	Owen County: 4
Parke County: 6	Perry County: 5	Pike County: 2	Porter County: 54
Posey County: 4	Pulaski County: 1	Putnam County: 6	Randolph County: 4
Ripley County: 7	Rush County: 2	Scott County: 2	Shelby County: 27
Spencer County: 3	St Joseph County: 58	Starke County: 1	Steuben County: 2
Sullivan County: 3	Switzerland County: 2	Tippecanoe County: 32	Tipton County: 10
Union County: 0	Vanderburgh County: 86	Vermillion County: 3	Vigo County: 23
Wabash County: 6	Warren County: 0	Warrick County: 25	Washington County: 5
Wayne County: 7	Wells County: 6	White County: 5	Whitley County: 4
Unknown county: 235			

Feedback from “Conversations with OFBCI”

The first of several regional meetings was held in Vincennes, Washington and Evansville on September 14 and 15th. Response to our presentation was generally positive, but attendance was a little smaller than desired.

Of the 29 organizations that attended:

- Fifteen represented faith-based organizations.
- Seven represented community organizations.
- Four represented government agencies.
 - One media representative.
 - Two freelance volunteers.

Of the community and government representatives, most stated that they worked alongside with faith-based organizations. Several are also active members of a local congregation. Overwhelmingly, attendees were looking for new sources of funding. The majority are already receiving some funding either from government or collaborative sources.

The attendees were experienced and sophisticated and are already living collaboration and partnership. There was a genuine appreciation for our presence, but there was also the (sometimes) unspoken question, of “What value does OFBCI bring to the equation?” There is general interest in training and technical assistance. OFBCI must be able to deliver resources to maintain/obtain credibility. This can be done either by becoming a funder, or by providing a clear path to state funding.

As OFBCI continues its regional meetings, we will revise and respond to the requests for assistance and information. Additionally, we have already started working on some of the recommendations that came out of the first meeting. We look forward to learning more!

Come to a Conversation with OFBCI!

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives will be holding a series of community forums in Central Indiana in the first and third weeks of October! At these meetings, we will introduce OFBCI, share plans for key initiatives and engage community members in identifying local needs, interests, and accomplishments. These meetings are free and open for all to attend. To RSVP or to ask a question, contact John Rentsch at jrentsch@ofbci.in.gov or 317-234-4032.

Brownsburg: October 4th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
 Anderson: October 4th, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 Franklin: October 5th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
 Indianapolis: October 7th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM and October 18th, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 Greenfield: October 18th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM
 Lebanon: October 19th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Conversations with OFBCI—New Albany, Lawrenceburg, and Greensburg

Due to scheduling conflict, we are postponing the “Conversations with OFBCI” scheduled for New Albany and Lawrenceburg on September 29, and Greensburg on September 30. We will be announcing new dates for these events in the near future. Many thanks for your understanding and patience.
